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Case No.: **9683/58**

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In re Application of:

Nobuhiko NAKA

Serial No.: 09/462,127

Filing Date: December 29, 1999

For: SPEECH DECODER AND  
SPEECH DECODING METHOD

Examiner: HAN, Qi

Group Art Unit No.: 2654

**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 22, 2004, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objections and rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and amended claims.



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Respectfully submitted,

Tadashi Horie (Reg. No. 40,437)

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Date